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Dear Director Ranney:

The Indiana Election Division is requesting an exemption from the five percent reserve consistent with IC 4-13-2-30.

We are very sensitive to the rising costs of providing public services and the case of elections is no exception. Since 2016, the cost of administering elections has skyrocketed due to cyber and physical security threats.

In addition to the cost of running elections, we are now facing increased costs due to unanticipated legal fees. A recent ruling from the Indiana Supreme Court will require the Indiana Election Division to pay an estimated \$145,000. A ruling from a federal court required the Election Division to pay more than \$100,000 per fiscal year to provide specialized software to certain voters.

These unplanned and unforeseen agency expenses necessitate our request for an exception to the five percent reserve.

The Election Division is committed to making strategic reductions in spending and to heighten budget discipline. Per the strategic plan recommendations, we have worked with IOT to reduce services, cutting our spending by \$4,460.30, a 10.57 percent reduction. We are currently working with our budget analyst to review our agency contracts and administrative fees to identify operational changes and efficiencies to maximize savings.

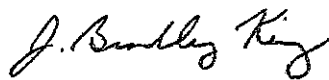
At this time, the Election Division does not anticipate new procurement and technology needs. We are working with IDOA to put out RFIs on legally required services, including the statewide voter registration system and campaign finance system, to assess opportunities for improvement and savings.

We have also reviewed federal funding and staffing per the strategic plan. At this time, there is no federal funding available.

We are an agency consisting of a total of ten individuals. As required by IC 3-6-4.2-5, these employees must be equally divided between the major political parties, therefore, the Election Division has a staff of five individuals affiliated with each party.

The Election Division is committed to continuing to optimize resources without compromising essential public services. We look forward to your response and guidance as we work together to navigate reduced resources and focus on fiscal responsibility.

Sincerely,



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Mike Braun, Governor


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### Approved Fiscal Year 2026 Strategic Spending Reduction Plan

**Agency Name:** Indiana Election Division (063)

Pursuant to applicable state budgeting and financial management guidelines, the undersigned hereby affirm that the Fiscal Year 2026 Strategic Spending Reduction Plan submitted for the above-named agency has been reviewed and is approved for implementation. This approval signifies the plan submitted is in alignment with agency priorities, applicable legal requirements, and available funding levels.

  
Chad E. Ranney  
State Budget Director  
Date: 7/29/25

  
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